

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kerry Culpepper on 9/20/10.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 1 recites "A non-transitory recording medium...." Claims 2-7 recite "The non-transitory recording medium...." Claim 19 recites "A program stored on a non-transitory computer readable medium...." Claim 20, lines 16 and 17 amended to recite "mixing decoding results, which is non-compressed digital data, of a first decoder and a second decoder."

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed towards recording play list information on a local storage. Claims 1 and 21 uniquely recite the distinct features, "plurality of packets which are each attached with a packet identifier that includes an upper field and a lower field, and the upper field indicates that the audio stream is a secondary audio stream whose reproduction output is able to be mixed with a reproduction output of the primary audio stream." Claim 8 uniquely recites the distinct features, "a demultiplexing unit operable to

refer to upper fields of packet identifiers respectively contained in the packets read out by the first reading unit and the second reading unit, and demultiplex the packets into first packets and second packets that respectively constitute a primary audio stream and a secondary audio stream." Claims 19 and 20 uniquely recite the distinct features, "referring to upper fields of packet identifiers respectively contained in the packets read out in the packet reading steps, and demultiplexing the packets into first packets and second packets that respectively constitute a primary audio stream and a secondary audio stream." The prior art does not anticipate or render the underlined above obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MISHAWN DUNN whose telephone number is (571)272-7635. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (571)272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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